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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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SUBJECT: ALPHA HELIX MARINE BIOLOGY EXPEDITION

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2649

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, US SCIENTISTS HAVE STATED SANDARKAN HARBOR ONLY AREA WHERE ANIMALS OF INTEREST ARE KNOWN TO EXIST. SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO OTHER AREAS SOUTH OF SANDARKAN, DARVEL BAY AND COWIE BAY, WHERE SIMILAR DISTRIBUTION OF ANIMALS MAY EXIST.

2. DEPARTMENT FEELS ALTERNATE SITES MAY ALSO BE SENSITIVE DUE TO THEIR CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SANDARKAN. IF EMBASSY CONFIRMS ALTERNATE SITES ARE UNACCEPTABLE, THEN IT IS REQUESTED EMBASSY ADVISE ON GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE RESEARCH OF THIS NATURE CAN BE CONDUCTED (I.E. ANY AREA NORTH OF 6 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE).

3. PERIOD FOR CLEARANCE REQUEST REMAINS 17 JUNE THROUGH 16 AUGUST 1975. INGERSOLL

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